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ON A SAMPLE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2006, in the above-identified patent application.

This response is being filed on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, following the Columbus Day federal holiday, and is therefore considered to be submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Applicants believe that the correct fee is submitted herewith; however, if any fee remains due, the Director is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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